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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" No such recommendation has been received from the Board of Revenue after June 1952."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" இந்த விஷயத்தை **1952**-ம் ஆண்டுக்கு முன்னால் ரெவின்யூ போர்ட் சிபார்சு செய்திருக்கிறது. அதற்கு பிறகு இன்னும் நிறைய வேலை குவிந்து நிலைமை ஸ்தம்பித்து இருக்கிறது. அரசாங்கத்திற்கு இது தெரியுமா ? அவைகளைத் தீர்க்க டிபுடி தாசில்தாரை நியமனம் செய்வார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Even in the proposals before 1952, a number of places were suggested to be made as the headquarters of Deputy Tahsildar. They were Tirukkoilur, Vridhachalam, Tindivanam and some other places. Even then, Gingee was not mentioned."

Representation from the Tamilnad Gold, Silver and Diamonds Jewellery Merchants' Association, Madurai.

* 246 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASAMY REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) whether the Government received any representation from the Tamilnad Gold, Silver and Diamonds Jewellery Merchants' Association, Madurai—

(*a*) complaining against the levy of sales tax at several stages of sales of gold and silver jewels and articles;

(*b*) requesting the Government to reduce the licence fees;

(*c*) requesting the Government to exempt their business from the provisions of the Factories Act; and

(*d*) complaining against the collection of sales tax even on the amounts collected by way of sales tax on the turnover; and

(2) if so, the steps, if any, taken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (1) Yes.

" (2) The Government examined the representation. In regard to the matters mentioned in clauses (*a*), (*b*) and (*d*), they came to the conclusion that it was either not possible to comply with the requests of the Association or that the action taken by them was adequate. The question of exempting the business from the provisions of the Factories Act is under the consideration of the Government."

SRI P. RANGASAMY REDDIAR :—" May I know what the original licence fee was and what the present licence fee is? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" I do not know the exact rate of licence fee, but the tax was one-fourth of one per cent."